



Proclaiming Christ's Love in Mililani and the World:

Building For Eternity

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PRAYER AND GOD'S PROVISION

Diane Bartosik

On October 9th 2005 we gathered together for a Hawaiian Luau to celebrate God's faithfulness and to make three-year pledges toward the completion of the first phase of our new church facility. It was a fantastic evening of praise as we recalled the many ways in which the Lord had led and answered prayer.

Over the past year we have continued to see God's hand of blessing on MCC and we want to thank Him for His continual goodness to us as a church body. My main purpose for this article is to ask that we, as a church body, once again unite daily in prayer to seek God's face, asking Him to guide our steps – as we enter this new phase of breaking ground and beginning to build.

I was dusting off my bookshelf recently and picked up a book that I had not looked at in many years. It was given to me by my parents on my birthday in 1978. It is a small book by A.W. Tozer called, Paths to Power, encouraging us as God's children to live an abundant life here on this earth. The chapter that caught my attention is

called, "Miracles Follow the Plow." Tozer quoted Hosea 10:12 about breaking up your fallow ground for now is the time to seek the Lord.

As I read that chapter in Tozer's book, I began to think that we need to put the plow to that field in Mililani Mauka and earnestly desire to see fruit come forth. Many people in Mililani Mauka need to hear the Good News of Jesus and God has blessed us with land to be able to do it.

May each of us join together now to daily pray for the completion of our multi-purpose building next year. The prayer committee will again make a monthly calendar that you can use daily to pray for the needs of the church.

Jeremiah 33:3 states: "*Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.*" Please begin right now to pray for the following concerns:

A favorable ruling on our appeal to the City & County of Honolulu for a tax exemption on our property.

Wisdom and discernment by our building committee as they make decisions about the next steps in our building plans.

For God's Spirit to be working in the hearts of our neighbors in Mililani Mauka and the Mililani Mauka Neighborhood Board and for all of them to accept us favorably.

That all the necessary government agencies will expedite our approvals and that God will give opportunities for us to be ambassadors of light for Him in our many contacts with community leaders.

That through our expanding ministry, more people in our community will come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and live lives that bring honor and glory to Him and Him alone.

GOD'S BUILDING PLANS TAKING SHAPE

God's plans for the first phase of our new ministry center in Mililani Mauka are beginning to take shape!

In April of this year, member architect Warren Nakamura sent a Request for Proposal to various engineering firms, soliciting fee proposals to provide professional engineering services for Phase I of our building project. Phase I includes: construction of a 7,000 sq. ft., one-story, pre-engineered multi-purpose building (to be used temporarily as a sanctuary, church office, classrooms, and possibly an adult day care facility) with an attached kitchen and toilet/shower facilities; site work and landscaping for the entire property (clearing and grubbing, grading, a paved driveway, a 50-stall parking lot, walkways, and utilities); and air conditioning for the offices and classrooms.

The following fee proposals, all within the budget approved by the congregation, were received and accepted:

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- CMR Consulting, LLC, for civil engineering services - \$35,610, inclusive of state general excise taxes;
- Tanimura & Associates, Inc., for structural engineering services - \$5,600.00;
- MKengineers (headed by former elder Ron Katahara), for electrical engineering services - \$3.00 (no, this is not a typo);
- Fewell Geotechnical Engineering, Ltd., for subsurface investigation - \$10,350.00;
- Irwin Higashi and Associates, Inc., for landscape architectural services - \$7,000;

- John Arizumi of Carrier Hawaii (former MCC Building Committee member), agreed to engineer the air conditioning and plumbing but has not submitted any fees.

Warren also met with City Building Department staff to discuss the process for obtaining a conditional use permit (to allow construction of a church facility on land zoned for residential use) and a building permit. The first step in the permitting process is a presentation to the Mililani Mauka Neighborhood Board about our plans. We have contacted the Mililani Neighborhood Board and am tentatively scheduled to introduce MCC and present our plans at the October 17th Board Meeting at Mililani Mauka Elementary School cafeteria. Efforts are underway to

mail notices of the presentation to our adjoining neighbors as soon as a list of names and addresses are obtained.

Meanwhile, discussions are continuing with various construction firms that install pre-engineered buildings to determine what it may cost to construct Phase I.

FULFILLING OUR PLEDGES: AN UPDATE ON THE BUILDING FUND

(As of August 31, 2006)

After the last newsletter, various members clarified their pledges. The following is an updated annual breakdown of the faith pledges made and fulfilled by MCC members and attenders, as of August 31, 2006:

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
	(first fruits)				
No. of Pledges	31	44	40	40	
Amount Pledged	\$28,490.00	\$157,252.00	\$153,442.00	\$250,573.00	\$589,757.00
Match Pledge*		+ \$100,000.00	+\$100,000.00	+\$100,000.00	\$300,000.00
Amount Received	\$31,337.24	\$124,022.38	--	—	\$155,359.62
Match Pledge Balance:		\$ 33,229.62			

*An annual match pledge of \$100,000 will be donated to the Building Fund if our congregation fulfills our faith pledges for 2006, 2007, and 2008.